

**Constitution and Bylaws of
Sheepscot Valley Community
Church
Whitefield, Maine**

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Constitution

Preamble

We, a body of believers in Jesus Christ, organized for the purpose of spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Savior and the Christian faith, deem it advisable that we have definite laws to direct us so that all things may be done decently and in order. Therefore, be it resolved that we adopt the following constitution to be considered the organizational by-laws.

Article I - *Name*

The name of this church is Sheepscoot Valley Community Church, Whitefield, Maine. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine.

Article II - *Vision*

Sheepscoot Valley Community Church exists to bring glory to God through gospel-centered worship together as one family on the Lord's Day, gospel-centered community by making disciples of Jesus who love and serve God and others, and gospel-centered multiplication by being a mission focused family that seeks the glory of God and the good of our neighbors in every sphere of life through the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel.

Article III – *Statement of Faith*

In subscription to these articles of faith, we by no means set aside, or undervalue, any of the Scriptures of the Old or New Testaments. We deem the knowledge, belief, and acceptance of the truth as set forth in the following statements (Articles A – G), to be essential for sound faith and fruitful practice, and therefore required for Church membership.

A. The Scriptures

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

B. God

There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver and Ruler of all things, having in and of Himself, all perfections, and being infinite in them all; and to Him all creatures owe the highest love, reverence and obedience. (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 1 Timothy 1:17)

C. The Person and Work of the Father

We believe that God the Father is perfect in holiness (Lev 11:44), infinite wisdom (Ps 147:5), merciful toward men (Ps 86:15), hearing and answering prayer (Jer. 33:3), providing salvation to all who come to Him through Jesus Christ (Jn. 3:16).

D. The Person and Work of Christ

1. We believe that God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Jn 1:1-3), became a man without ceasing to be God (Jn 1:14), having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:34, 35; Isa 7:14), in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men. (Col. 1:16-20; Jn 3:16)
2. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice (Rom. 3:24, 25; 1 Pe. 2:24, 3:18; 2 Co. 5:21), and that our justification is made by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (1Co. 15:14; 1 Pe.1:3-5)
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven, and is now exalted at the right hand of God (Ac 1:9-11), where He is our Representative (Heb. 9:24), Intercessor (Rom 8:34; Heb. 7:25), Mediator (1 Tim 2:5), and Advocate (1 Jn. 2:12).
4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to rapture his church (1 Thess. 4:13-18), judge the living and the dead (2 Tim 4:1), and establish his kingdom forever

on a new Heaven and new Earth (Rev. 21:14).

E. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (Jn 16:8-11), and that He is the supernatural Agent in regeneration (Tit 3:5), baptizing all believers into the Body of Christ (1 Co 12:12-14), and indwelling (Rom. 8:9) and sealing them unto the day of redemption (Eph. 1:13, 14).
2. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher and Comforter (Jn 16:13), who guides believers into all truth (Jn 14:16-17); and that it is the privilege and duty of all saved to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

F. Salvation

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by the grace of God and received by personal faith (Eph. 2:8-10) in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood (1 Pet 1:18, 19) was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. (Jn. 1:12; Eph. 1:7, 1 Cor.15:14; 2 Cor. 5:21)

G. The Fall of Man

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26, 27), but that in Adam's sin the race fell (Rom 3:5-12, 23, 6:23), inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God (Eph. 2:13, 12); and that man is dead in his sin (Eph. 2:1-3) and of himself is utterly unable to remedy his lost condition.

Each person, in order to become or remain a member, shall accept the following Statement of Faith (Articles H – R) as the official doctrine of the church and agree to support the leadership as they teach and defend these doctrines.

H. The Two Natures of the Believer

We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, (1 Jn. 1:8, Rom. 7:17-25, Eph. 4:20-24), with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature (Rom. 6:5-14, 8:12) through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-25)

I. The Eternal Security of the Believer

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by the power of God and are thus secure in Christ forever. We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. (Jn. 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1-39, 13:13-14; 1Cor. 1:4-8; Gal. 5:13; Php. 4:4; Tit. 2:11-15; 1Pet. 1:5; 1Jn. 5:11-13)

J. The Sanctification of the Believer

We believe that lifestyle of a Christian is characterized by repentance (Matt 18:15-20), obedience (1 John 2:36), brotherly love (1 John 2:7-11) and the fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:16-25). We believe that it is the responsibility of all Christians to grow in their faith (2 Peter 1:3-11) and to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. (Phil 2:12-13)

K. Missions

1. We believe that it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life (Matt. 5:13-16) and word (1 Peter 3:15) the truths of the Holy Scripture.
2. We believe that it is the obligation of the Church to go and make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and to teach them to observe all things Christ commanded. (Matt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-20)

L. The Ministry, Spiritual Gifts and Prayer

1. We believe that God gave the gifts of the evangelist, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph. 4:7-12) that God has appointed to each member of the Church. (1 Cor. 12:4-18)
2. We believe that God does hear and answer the prayer of faith, in accordance with His own will. (Jn. 15:7; Jas. 5:13-16; 1 Jn. 5:14-15)

M. The Church

1. We believe that the church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed by His blood, and are born again by the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:3). We believe that the Church is the Body of whom Christ is the Head (Eph. 1:22-23), and that it is the espoused Bride of Christ. (2Co. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27)
2. We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Ac. 2:41-47; 1Ti. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-11), and that believers are commanded to unite together in fellowship. (Heb. 10:24,25)
3. We believe that believers are committed to join together in observance of the Lord's Supper (Mt 26:26-30; 1 Co 11:23-29), and that believers are to be baptized, in most circumstances by immersion, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Mt. 28:18-20)

N. The Lord's Day

The Lord's Day is a Christian institution for regular observance and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Col. 2:16; 3:16; Rev 1:10)

O. Liberty of Conscience

God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word, or not contained in it. Civil magistrates being ordained of God, subjection in all lawful things commanded by them ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:17)

P. The Resurrection

The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return immediately to God-the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked, to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised. (1 Cor 15; Jn. 5:28, 29; Phil. 3:21)

Q. The Judgment

God hath appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when everyone shall receive according to his deeds; the wicked shall go into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life. (Mt. 25:31-46; 1 Cor. 15:35-58; 2 Cor. 5:10)

R. The Personality of Satan

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin and the cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man, and that he shall be eternally punished in the Lake of Fire with those angels that chose to follow him. (Job 1:6, 7; Isa. 14:12-17; Mt. 4:2-11; Eph. 6:12; Mt. 25:41; Re. 20:10)

Article IV- *Statement on Marriage and Sexuality*

It is the biblical position that marriage involves the union of one man and one woman in permanent sacred fidelity. Though various cultures and customs have evolving definitions of marriage, it is God alone who has ultimate authority to prescribe and describe the marital relationship (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:1-9, Mark 10:1-12).

Furthermore, sexual intimacy is only properly

exercised and pursued within the confines of this marital relationship. Sexual immorality, defined as any sexual activity outside of the boundaries of the sacred marital relationship between one man and one woman, is clearly and expressly prohibited by the Lord (Matthew 15:19, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4).

As a consequence, the Church regards any and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or even lustful intent toward such, as sinful and ultimately unsatisfying. Moreover, the Church also regards as sinful the intent or desire to surgically alter one's biological sex to a different sex. Since the body is a creation of God, the Church holds sexual identity to be biologically determined, and associated gender norms are to be observed as appropriate to biblical standards. Disagreement with one's biological sex only leads to spiritual confusion and emotional chaos (Genesis 1:27, Romans 1:26-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

In order to preserve the function and integrity of the Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical example to the Church Members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the Church in any capacity or united to the Church in membership should abide by and agree to this, "Statement on Marriage and Sexuality" and conduct themselves accordingly.

Though sinful sexual expression is egregious (as is all sin), the gospel provides redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 3:3-7)

Furthermore, there is a difference between temptation and unrepented sin. Jesus was tempted in all ways as we are, yet He never sinned. Members, employees, volunteers and attendees of the Church wrestling with all manner of sexual temptation will find a Church ready to point them to Jesus and join with them to fight for their obedience to Christ.

Jesus called the weary and heavy-laden to Himself. As a church desiring to follow Christ fully, the

Church will be a safe place for men and women fighting sexual temptations of all kinds. For those fighting temptation and repenting of sin, the Church will provide love, care and direction (Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:17-18, Hebrews 4:14-16).

The Church's Statement on Marriage and Sexuality does not provide grounds for bigotry, bullying or hate, as we fully believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity, regardless of his or her lifestyle. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated as sinful and are not in accordance with the Scriptures nor the doctrines of the Church.

This Statement of Marriage and Sexuality specifically gives the Elder(s) the right and authority to prohibit acts or omissions, including but not limited to (a) permitting any Church assets or property, whether real property, personal property, intangible property, or any property or asset of any kind that is subject to the direction or control of the Church, to be used in any manner that would be—or, in the sole determination of the Elders, could be perceived by any person to be— inconsistent with this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality; and (b) permitting any Church facilities to be used by any person, organization, corporation, or group that would or might use such facilities to convey, intentionally or by implication, what might be perceived as a favorable impression about any definition of marriage other than that contained in this Section.

The Church's Statement on Marriage and Sexuality is based upon God's will for human life as conveyed to us through the Scriptures, upon which this Church has been founded and anchored, and this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality shall not be subject to change through popular vote; referendum; prevailing opinion of Members or the general public; influence of or interpretation by any government authority, agency, or official action; or legal developments on the local, state, or federal level.

Article V

Our Character of Government

(1Tim. 5:17, Titus 1:7, 1 Peter 5:1-2)

The head of the Church is Jesus Christ. This church functions under His authority, through the leadership and oversight of God-called elder(s) whom the congregation has affirmed as worthy of this trust.

This congregation believes that the Church is a living organism that belongs to Jesus Christ. All acts of this body will function in direct submission to Christ's authority and lordship as He has commanded through Scripture. Therefore, this body is not subject to the control of any other ecclesiastical body.

It is understood that this congregation is at liberty to cooperate as it sees fit with other congregations of like belief.

Article V - *Covenant*

As a summary of principles for Christian conduct among its members, this church adopts the following covenant;

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, and on profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and of this assembly, purposely and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We purpose therefore, through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love;
To strive for the growth of this church in knowledge, holiness, and service;
To give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin;
To sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;
To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of its ministry.

We also purpose to train our children in the truths of God's Word;
To seek the salvation of our relatives and acquaintances;
To seek to apply biblical truths to our daily lives;
To be just in our dealings, faithful in our commitments, and exemplary in our conduct;

To avoid all gossiping, backbiting, and unrighteous anger;
To be faithful in our efforts to advance the kingdom of God.

We further purpose to watch over one another in brotherly love;
To remember each other in prayer;
To help each other in sickness and distress;
To maintain a spirit of unity, patience and grace;
To be courteous in speech and kind in demeanor;
To be slow to take offense and always ready for reconciliation.

We also purpose that when we leave this local fellowship, we will as soon as possible unite with another church of like faith and practice where we can continue to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Word of God.

Bylaws

Article VI - *Membership*

A. Eligibility:

The membership of this church shall consist of persons who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior, who have been baptized, who subscribe to the covenant and the statement of faith and are at least 18 years of age.

B. Application and Admission:

Upon satisfactory interview of candidates, the elder(s) will present them to the congregation for affirmation and welcome.

C. Duties:

1. Members shall strive to keep their covenant obligations. They shall endeavor to preserve the unity of the fellowship and the integrity of church doctrine and practice.
2. Every member is expected to regularly attend church worship services, be involved in opportunities for Christian growth and fellowship, seek to find an avenue of service, and be mindful to guard the

reputation of Christ and the church in the community.

3. Members are to cooperate with church leadership and give prayer support and encouragement to those who lead church ministries.
4. Members are expected to contribute regularly, as God has prospered them, to the financial needs of the church.
5. Members 16 years of age and older who fulfill the requirements, (Article 6 section C. 1-4), shall have the privilege to vote on those issues presented to the church body at a congregational meeting.

D. Dismissal

1. By death.
2. Upon the member joining another church.
3. Request by the member to be removed from membership.
4. Failure to respond satisfactorily to discipline or restoration attempts by the elder(s) and church.

E. Discipline

The church, through the leadership of the elder(s), is responsible for discipline of its members when needed, with the goal of such action being full restoration into the fellowship and ministry of this body of believers. It is the charge of the elder(s), as described in Acts 20:28, to “be on guard for yourselves and all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” Shepherding includes both care and correction of the flock. Elder(s) may discipline a member who:

1. Demonstrates behavior or beliefs opposed to previously expressed agreement with the church’s statement of faith and covenant.
2. Engages in conduct that damages the reputation of Christ and the testimony of the

church and which departs from biblical morality.

3. Shows continuing disinterest in the life and ministry of the church.
4. Behaves in a manner that brings disharmony or disunity to the fellowship.

The elder(s) shall faithfully follow biblical guidelines in pursuing these matters and shall instruct members as needed in the scriptural steps of reconciliation and restoration.

Article VII- *Our Organization*

A. Elder(s):

The church’s ministry and the shepherding of its members are vested in a group of God-called men called elder(s) in whom the congregation has placed its trust. Elder(s) are called of God to lead, feed, care for, and protect the flock, always acting to guard the integrity of the church and the reputation of Jesus Christ. (Acts 14:23, 1 Tim. 5:17, James 5:14, Titus 1:5-9)

The Elder(s) may, at their discretion and subject to the approval of the congregation, designate one of their members as the Pastoral Elder. The duties of the Pastoral Elder will include the day to day administration of the congregation as well as the greater share of the teaching during the regular services of the church. In recognition of these responsibilities the Pastoral Elder will be financially supported by the church as determined by the Elder(s) and approved by the congregation.

At such a time as the position of Pastoral Elder is vacant, the Elder(s) shall assume his responsibilities. If necessary, the Elder(s) will designate a new Pastoral Elder or establish a search committee whose purpose is to identify and present a properly qualified candidate for the position to

the Elder(s) for their approval and subsequent approval by the congregation.

1. All authority not specifically reserved to the membership as a whole (the congregation), in these bylaws, shall be granted to the elder(s). The following powers are reserved to the congregation:
 - a) The congregation shall approve the selection of an elder.
 - b) The congregation shall approve the annual general fund and mission's budgets.
 - c) The congregation shall approve, by at least three-fourths of members voting, a decision by the elder(s) to extend a call to a prospective pastoral elder and other full-time salaried vocational ministry staff.
 - d) The congregation shall approve a decision by the elder(s) to dismiss an elder (Article VII Section 8).
 - e) The congregation shall approve any decision by the elder(s) to build, buy, sell or encumber real estate.
 - f) The congregation shall approve any decision by the elder(s) to incur debt.
 - g) The congregation shall approve any recommendation to amend these bylaws (Article X).
 - h) The congregation shall approve any decision to dissolve the church and conclude the corporation (Article IX).
2. It is the responsibility of the elder(s) to take such actions and establish such environments as necessary to further the mission of this church in a manner consistent with biblical directives and principles.
3. The function of the elder(s) is to establish policy and assume the responsibility of

overseeing the affairs of the congregation. The elder(s) shall maintain a distinction between oversight and management and shall designate to the pastoral elder and other staff and lay leaders the operation and implementation of the affairs of the church.

4. The elder(s) shall establish and maintain such policies and procedures necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of church operations and ministries. These policies and procedures shall be available to the members.
5. The elder(s) shall be responsible for the exercise of spiritual discipline in accordance with the bylaws.
6. The elder(s) shall consist of the pastoral elder and such other men who meet the requirements of elder(s) established in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. The elder(s) shall determine their number consistent with the responsibilities to be carried out and God's evident call on qualified men. Each elder, with the exception of the pastoral elder, shall be a member in good standing of the church for at least one year before being selected as an elder.
7. The elder(s) shall recommend to the congregation for approval, new elder(s) to be voted on at a congregational meeting.
8. Any elder not fulfilling the responsibilities of his office, except for good cause (to be determined by the elder(s)) shall be subject to dismissal from his office by a 2/3 vote of all elder(s). In the case of less than 3 elder(s), the elder(s) and deacons will fulfill this responsibility. The elder shall cease to function in that office as of the moment of that vote. However, his removal shall not become effective until approved by 3/4 majority of the congregation present and voting at a congregational meeting, with written notice of this business item provided 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. If the congregation fails to approve the elder(s)

action, the elder is immediately restored to his office. If the congregation approves the action of the elder(s), the elder is dismissed as of that moment. The elder(s) shall determine terms of severance.

9. Other paid staff may be removed at the discretion of the elder(s).
10. The elder(s) shall engage and supervise, directly or through others, such staff, and other ministry leadership, as are needed to fulfill the church's mission. The power to engage includes the power to dismiss, subject to the limitations noted in Article VII section A.
11. The elder(s), with cooperation and input from ministry staff and church and ministry leaders, shall establish an annual budget for all facets of the church's ministry. The budget shall be approved by the congregation at the annual business meeting. At no time shall total expenditures exceed the total authorized budget by more than 10% without congregational approval.

B. Deacons:

The practical and spiritual needs of the church outside of the responsibilities of elder(s) will be administered by a group of men and women the Bible calls deacons.

1. Deacons must possess the qualifications identified in I Timothy 3: 8-13 and Acts 6:1-6.
2. Deacon(s) are recommended by the congregation and reviewed by the elder(s) once reviewed the deacon(s) will be presented to the congregation for affirmation.
3. The term of service of a deacon will be determined by the elder(s).

4. Deacon(s) assist the elder(s) in the effective shepherding of the congregation and in matters of administration as needed.
5. The deacon(s) shall serve as the officers of the corporation.
6. The deacon(s) shall administer the deacon's fund.
7. Any deacon not fulfilling the responsibilities of their office, except for good cause (to be determined by the elder(s)) shall be subject to dismissal from their office by a two-thirds vote of all elder(s).
8. A non-member who attends faithfully and has, through word and deed given evidence of conversion and support of the church's identified mission, may serve temporarily in support roles in various church ministries upon recommendation of a deacon and approval of the elder(s). A non-member may not lead, direct, or co-lead any church ministry.

Article VIII– Meetings

The church shall meet every Sunday for the purpose of worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship and other times determined by the elder(s). The Lord's Supper shall be observed monthly at the discretion of the elder(s). At least once during the week, the church shall meet for prayer. Additional meetings may be added by the elder(s) or recommendation of the congregation. After prayerful discretion the elder(s), any of the above meetings may be temporarily suspended or cancelled.

A. Annual Meeting

The fiscal year of the church shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31. There shall be at least one scheduled business meetings per year. This meeting shall be held no later than November.

1. The purpose of the November meeting is:
 - The presentation of the yearly plans and goals of the ministries of the church;

- Presentation of the year to date written financial report;
 - Approval of the written proposed budgets for the upcoming year;
 - Transaction of any other business
2. Announcement of this meeting, including any additional proposed items on the agenda, will be made in such a way that all members may reasonably be expected to know of them in time to make necessary arrangements to participate. Announcement of the meetings shall be publicly made during the two Sunday morning worship services prior to the meeting.
 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at any scheduled business meeting and the elder(s) are responsible to verify that the requirement is met.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings with a specific agenda may be called at any time other than the yearly scheduled meeting. Such meetings may be called by the Elder(s). These meetings shall be announced and conducted under the same rules as the regularly yearly meeting.

C. Moderator

An Elder shall serve as moderator at all church business meetings. He may choose to delegate this function at his sole discretion.

D. Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised by Henry M. Roberts, shall be the standard in parliamentary procedure upon any challenges of procedural determination brought to the chairman of the meeting with the following exceptions:

- 1 All voting at any congregational meeting of the church shall be by voice or visible vote unless a secret ballot is requested by the elder(s) or a majority of voting members present. Except where otherwise specified or

agreed upon, all actions shall be taken by majority vote.

- 2 Unless challenged at the meeting by a majority of those present, the moderator shall have authority over matters of procedure and may adopt a form of procedure suited to the business being conducted.

Article IX – Dissolution

The dissolution of Sheepscot Valley Community Church, Inc. of Whitefield, Maine can only be at a duly called business meeting by vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the termination of its activities, the assets of the corporation remaining after the payment of all its liabilities shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organizations of like faith, organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as shall then qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and as a charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent or educational corporation within the meaning of Title 13-B of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual and no member, director, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

Article X – Amendments

At any business meeting of the church these bylaws may be revised or amended. The proposed revisions or amendments shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

Three-fourths (3/4) majority of the members present and voting is required for amendments to be accepted.